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NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Note verbale dated 18 April 2001 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the secretariat of the Commission on Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Commission on Human Rights and at the request of the Iranian national institution for human rights, namely, the Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC) attaches the text of a statement entitled "An outline of the report by IHRC to the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights".

It would be appreciated if the secretariat of the Commission on Human Rights could arrange to have this report* circulated as an official document of the ongoing session of the Commission on Human Rights.

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Annex

An outline of the Report
By

The Islamic Human Rights Commission IHRC

On

Recent Activities of IHRC for the promotion and protection of Human Rights In Iran

Written Statement on Item 18
"Effective functioning of Human Rights mechanisms: National institutions..."

Before
The 57th Session of the Commission on Human Rights

This is a brief summary of the Islamic Human Right Commission's (IHRC) report. It was originally published in Persian under the title of "The Frontlines of Operation". The report covers IHRC's activities during April to November 2000. However, access to the details of the report is possible through contact to IHRC's Secretariat based in Tehran.

IHRC is the Iranian National Institution established in 1995. Since its establishment, IHRC mobilized all human and material resources to launch its campaign on the promotion and protection of Human Rights, mainly in Iran and potentially and hopefully other areas of serious concern within the available human and material resources.

Verification and follow up process,

As a normal practice, IHRC receives all complaints, appeals and cases of Human Rights violations mainly from Iran, as well as other countries. At first stage all cases are duly registered and then the process of initial verification of minimum required information on follow up will follows.

Appeals and cases on violation of Human Rights in Iran are normally brought up to the attention of the Commission, mainly, by means of following methods:

1. Petitioners have sent their appeals from inside Iran and have applied for IHRC's action or support,

2. Appeals and cases on violation of Human Rights received from external sources targeting specific cases of violation of Human Rights in Iran that requires due attention or follow up action by the IHRC,

3. In particular cases, the Commission itself, launches investigation into the new and uncovered areas of grave concern on the situation of Human Rights in Iran that are not normally brought up to the attention of IHRC by other sources.

The Commission has further developed its activities to the following areas:

(a) Development of the Human Rights Defenders Network,
(b) Establishment and development of an encompassing Watchdog System for monitoring the situation of Human Rights,
(c) Research, analysis and education of human rights, and,
(d) Exchange of views and cooperation with other national institutions, NGOs

and international organizations.

- IHRC has established contacts with the Office of High Commissioner on a regular basis, with a view to exchange information and expand cooperation in the field of human rights in Iran. In this context, it is worth referring to the recent meeting between Mrs. Robinson and the Commission's officials in Tehran.

- During the course of that particular period, IHRC launched investigation into 835 cases of violation of Human Rights in various countries all over the world.

- The Commission has received 2438 letters on alleged cases of violation of Human Rights in Iran from foreign sources including NGOs, during April to November 2000. Almost, in all of those cases, the Commission has already been informed by internal sources.

- In 160 specific occasions, IHRC has offered legal assistance to the people that their rights were at stake.

- Legal experts of IHRC participated, as observers in a number of crucial court hearings on violation of Human Rights in Iran. After careful consideration of all circumstances IHRC, has submitted its recommendations to the relevant bodies. Due to the lack of clarity or response in some certain cases, IHRC has alternatively recoursed to publication of its views and recommendations.

- General Assembly of HRIC has managed to discuss and analyze in its annual sessions, the quality of compliance of the activities of the Judiciary, the Executive and the Islamic parliament in Iran, with Human Rights norns and standards.

Further detailed information on appeal cases brought up to the attention of the Legal Affairs and Appeal Department of IHRC coupled with follow up outcomes by the same Commission (during April to September 2000) is attached herewith. Enclosed statistics, in particular, indicates alleged cases of violation of Human Rights by Governmental and Non-Governmental organizations and institutions in Iran.

Table 1-1, Illustrates the statistics on appeals bought up to the attention of the Legal Affairs

and Appeal Department of IHRC through internal sources, as well as follow-up outcomes by IHRC during April to September 2000.

No	*Province*	*Appeals brought up to ICHR in spring 2000*	*Appeals brought up to ICHR in summer 2000*	*Follow up outcome by ICHR in spring 2000*	*Follow up outcome by ICHR in summer 2000*
1	East Azerbaijan	7	3	3	1
2	West Azerbaijan	6	1	3	-
3	Ardebil	5	-	6	0
4	Isfahan	14	4	1	3
5	Boushehr	0	-	-	-
6	Tehran	55	53	16	34
7	Chaharmahal & B...	8	11	4	9
8	Khorasan	11	13	3	11
9	Khuzestan	14	7	6	6
10	Zanjan	2	-	-	0
11	Eilam	3	2	0	1
12	Semnan	1	2	1	1
13	Sistan & Balouch.	4	15	2	3
14	Fars	9	1	4	8
15	Qom	1	0	0	1
16	Ghazvin	-	-	-	-
17	Kordestan	4	1	2	1
18	Kermanshah	4	4	1	3
19	Kerman	-	2	0	1
20	Khokilouye & B...	-	0	-	-
21	Ghilan	3	2	2	2
22	Mazandaran	3	1	1	0
23	Markazi	1	2	0	2
24	Hormozghan	0	2	0	1
25	Hamedan	1	1	2	1
26	Lorestan	6	2	2	1
27	Yazd	3	2	2	-
28	Gholestan	3	3	2	-
29	Unknown Whereabouts	13	10	5	7
30	Total	184	148	65	102

Table 1-2, Illustrates statistics on appeals concerning violation of Human Rights by governmental organizations and institutions in Iran, bought up to the attention of the Legal Affairs and Appeal Department of IHRC, through internal sources as well as follow-up outcomes by IHRC during April to September 2000,

No	*Organizations or Bodies accused of Human Rights violation In Iran*	*Appeals brought up to ICHR in spring 2000*	*Appeals brought up to ICHR in summer 2000*	*Follow up outcome by ICHR in spring 2000*	*Follow up outcome by ICHR in summer 2000*
1	Guild Unions	1	2		0
2	Domestic Legal Bodies	11	9	1	4
3	Foreign Legal Bodies	2	-	10	-
4	Bonyad Mostazafan Va Janbazan	2	2	1	-
5	Universities & higher education bodies	1	1	-	0
6	Imam's	1	3	1	1
7	PGCC Compensation fund	30	32	-	10
8	Prisons Organization	3	1	22	-
9	Registration Office	1	0	1	0
10	Social Security Organization	1	2	1	1
11	Municipalities	1	1	0	-
12	Imam's Relief Ct	1	-	1	-
13	Passport Office	1	-	0	-
14	Court of Article 14 of the Constitution	1	-	0	-
15	Ministry of Intelligence	2	7	2	2
16	Ministry of Industries	1	1	-	1
17	Ministry of Cooperation	1		0	
18	Ministry of Transportation	2	1	2	-
19	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	1	-	1	-
20	Ministry of Health	2	3	2	2
21	Ministry of Agriculture	1		1	
22	Ministry of Oil	1	1	27	-
23	Judiciary	37	48	3	21
24	Armed forces	6	4	0	2
25	Glass & Gas Co.	1		1	1
26	Int. Organizations	1		1	
27	Unknown Bodies	32	40	25	16